

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed January 18, 2008, the Office noted that claims 1-19 were pending and rejected claims 1, 2, 13, 15 and 16, objected to claims 3, 4, and 14 and allowed claims 5-12 and 17-19. Claims 3-5 and 8-12 have been amended, claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 13-19 have been canceled, claims 20 and 21 have been added, and, thus, in view of the foregoing, claims 3-5, 8-12, 20 and 21 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections and objections are traversed below.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office has indicated that claims 5-12 and 17-19 are allowable. The Applicant acknowledges the allowance of the claims and thanks the Office for its consideration in examining these claims.

However, the Applicant has amended claim 5 to include the features of claims 6 and 7 and cancelled claim 6 and 7. Claims 8-12 have been amended to be made dependent from claim 5. Claims 17-19 have been cancelled. The Applicant believes that claims 5 and 8-12 are still in condition for allowance.

The Office has indicated that claims 3, 4 and 14 would be in a condition for allowance if re-written in independent form including any intervening claims. The Applicant thanks the Office for the consideration given the claims.

The Applicant has re-written claim 3 to include the

preamble of claim 1 and claim 4 has been made dependent from claim 3. Claim 14 has been cancelled.

The Applicant submits that the claims as re-written are allowable.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention.

The Applicant has cancelled claim 15.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Klecker, U.S. Patent No. 6,244,965.

The Applicant has cancelled claims 1 and 2.

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Anderson, U.S. Patent No. 6,036,164.

The Applicant has cancelled claim 13 and the claims dependent therefrom.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Anderson in view of Klecker.

Claim 16 has been cancelled.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

NEW CLAIM

Claims 20 and 21 are new. Support for claim 20 may be found, for example, in original claims 1-3. Support for claim 21 may be found, for example, in original claim 4. The Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by the inclusion of claims 20 and 21.

The prior art fails to disclose the features of claims 20 and 21.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, 102 and 103. It is also submitted that claims 3-5, 8-12, 20 and 21 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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